

ably hardy and tenacious species, and although extremely local it is usually plentiful where it is found. If, however, it is to survive man's demands upon nature it needs determined and properly organised protection while there is yet time.

There is no doubt at all in my mind that the S.E. *athalia* is a different race from the S.W. *athalia*, and careful study will bring forth interesting and edifying results.

CHLOROCYSTIS CHLOERATA (MABILLE) IN KENT. — I beat out three half-grown larvae of this moth from *Prunus spinosa* L. at Cudham, Kent on 27th April 1975. I believe this is the first time this species has been taken in the county. — B. K. WEST, 36 Briar Road, Bexley, Kent.

PYRONIA TITHONUS L. AB. ALBIDUS COCKERELL IN THE ISLE OF WIGHT. — I recorded a female specimen of this rare aberration near Ventnor in 1973 (*Ent. Rec.*, **86**: 272). Another ab. *albidus* was captured in the same locality on 4th August 1974 which was also a female, but again no eggs were obtained. — T. D. FEARNEHOUGH, 26 Green Lane, Shanklin, Isle of Wight.

COLEOPHORA TROCHILELLA (DUPONCHEL), ISOPHRICTIS STRIATELLA (DENIS & SCHIFFERMULLER) AND ECTOEDEMIA ERYTHROGENELLA (DE JOANNIS) IN NORTH KENT. — On 27th May 1974, I found some *Coleophora* cases feeding on *Tanacetum vulgare* (Linn.), Tansy, at Cliffe chalk pit, Kent. The cases were identical to those of some *Coleophora trochilella* (Duponchel) feeding on *Achillea millefolium* (Linn.), Yarrow, and *Artemisia vulgaris* (Linn.) Mugwort, nearby. The moths failed to emerge, but it is very probable that these cases would also have produced *trochilella*.

Later in the year, on 11th August, I was looking for *Platyptilia ochrodactyla* (Denis & Schiffermuller) after dark on the flower heads of these same Tansy plants. Instead of the plume, I was very pleased to find a number of worn specimens of *Isophrictis striatella* (Denis & Schiffermuller). This species was rediscovered by Col. W. B. L. Manley in 1956 on the banks of the Medway, near Maidstone. The following year, S. Wakely found the larvae and asked fellow entomologists to look for it (*Entomologist's Record*, **69**: 257-8). Mr. John Roche tells me that he has taken it at Dungeness, Kent, recently. Has it been taken in any other new localities?

In February this year, at the same locality, I also found a few mines of the recently discovered *Ectoedemia erythrogenella* (de Joannis). The mines were not fully formed, the larvae apparently having died within the mine. I would like to thank A. M. Emmet for confirming the identity of the mines, which constitute the third record for Kent. — STEVEN E. WHITEBREAD, 2 Twin Cottage, Grove Farm, Higham, Nr. Rochester, Kent. 1.v.75.